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PLEBISCITE VOTES ARE SLOW

PROHIBITION FORCES ON THE FIRING LINE

25 PER CENT VOTE IN THREE PRECINCTS AT TEN O'CLOCK

One hundred and ninety-two votes out of a total of eight hundred and twenty-one had been cast by the citizens of the territory up to ten o'clock this morning in the second, third and fourth precincts of the fourth district.

In the second precinct sixty votes had been cast; the third, forty-seven; and the fourth eighty-five.

The prediction of both parties that intense interest would be shown at the polls was not realized, during the early hours. Men came to and went from the polling booths with apparent indifference to the issue that will be decided today. At the second precinct of the fourth a number of Hawaiians were evidently much upset over the rumor that the majority of the voters who had cast their ballots had voted in favor of prohibition. The majority of the group that had already cast their votes had voted against the prohibition issue. Orderly conduct was noticeable at each of the three precincts visited, judging from the reports coming in from

all over the city that voters are getting through with their rights as citizens as quickly as possible and without any trouble at the polls. Automobiles bearing white flags with the precinct and district numbers printed in black letters are stationed at each of the polls for the use of the anti-prohibitionists. The anti-prohibition headquarters in the Waverley block has been the scene of great activity ever since seven o'clock this morning as voters who would not go to the polls any other way but in machines were freely given rides to different parts of the city to cast their votes.

One Hawaiian who had evidently put in a store of liquor, fearing that he would not get any more until this evening, stated that he had voted "yes" in spite of the fact that he had been taken to his polling booth in a machine from the "anti" headquarters. At the fourth of the fourth polling booth, one man was heard to say that the weather was favorable for a wet vote.

THE PROHIBITIONISTS BELIEVE THEY WIN

The prohibitionist leaders believe that today's vote will result in a popular declaration to the effect that the saloons must go.

They expect that out of about 13,000 voters in the Territory there will be 10,000 votes cast, and that 6,500 votes will be in favor of prohibition.

HOW THE "ANTIS" PROGNOSTICATE

The liquor headquarters' agents prognosticate the following result of today's vote on the prohibition question—

They estimate that there are about 13,000 votes in the Territory.

That 4,000 voters will stay away from the polls.

That there will be about 9,000 votes

cast.

That 6,000 of these votes will be against prohibition.

That only 3,000 votes will be in favor of prohibition.

Senator Fairchild, in town from Kauai, says he thinks that island will go "wet," adding:

"Probably 350 or 400 will vote 'dry,' but you never can tell."

RIVAL LEADERS AMONG THE DEAD

MOBILE, July 26.—The partisans of Bonilla have attacked Honduras and the barracks at Puerto Cortez. General Meron, the insurgent leader, and the government commander are among the killed. Martial law has been declared.

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In Camp Of The Prohibitionists

Few reports and no estimates have come in to the office of John G. Woolley, leader of the Prohibition forces up to this afternoon. Party workers are around at the various voting booths, or attending to private business and are not keeping any headquarters for the reception of news or dissemination of information.

No effort has been made to induce voters to go to the polls. Every man has been left to do as he pleased about it. Not a vehicle has been sent out for belated voters, and so far as can be learned not a vote for Prohibition has been solicited by anybody at any hand. The Prohibitionists closed their campaign yesterday, and have rested on the results.

While no estimates based upon responsible calculations are to be had, the consensus of opinion among Prohibition leaders as to the results of today's election seems to be about as follows:

Hawaii Island, conceded to be close and probably wet.

Mau, Molokai and Lanai-Prohibition by small majority.

Kauai, Prohibition, also by small majority.

Oahu, close and will settle the total vote.

Mr. Woolley's Plans.

John G. Woolley stated this afternoon that no plans for future work had been mapped out by the Prohibitionists, but a statement of some sort could possibly be given out tomorrow. He intimated that if the Prohibitionists were successful at the polls today, his work in the islands would be finished and he would resume temperance activities on the mainland.

"I was a drinking man," said Mr.

Woolley meditatively this afternoon. "I know the life of a drinking man perfectly well. I know his good points and his weak ones. There arrived a time in my life, however, when I became convinced of the evils of intemperance, and for nineteen years I have battled against it. I shall continue to do so. The work in Hawaii since last May has been and is merely an incident in my general scheme of work."

"What will be done in case prohibition fails today I am unable to say. I will hazard a guess, however, that the prohibitionists will continue the fight and fight harder than ever before."

Speaking For Himself.

L. A. Thurston was asked this afternoon regarding his statement at Ala park Saturday night that in case of defeat at the polls the Prohibitionists would continue their fight in the next campaign. "I was giving a personal opinion," he replied. "The committee has taken no action in the matter and naturally will not until after the results of today's election are known. In case of defeat at this time I know of no reason why the fight should not be continued with more energy than ever before."

"PRO" HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the Prohibitionists, upper floor of the old Bulletin building in Merchant street, has been one of the most quiet places in the city today. Empty chairs were arranged in rows in the main hall, and at the rear were tables which had been the resting places for campaign literature. The "office boy" was not

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"ANTIS" WORK IN 30 AUTOS

There is evidently not as much interest being taken in the prohibition plebiscite as would be desired by the prohibitionists.

There is a great number of men who are not voting at all. Voting is slow. At noon, four hours after the polls opened and only five hours before they close, not much more than twenty-five per cent of the vote had been cast, whereas, figuring on time, almost half of the votes should have been in the ballot boxes.

There is a noticeable superiority of the anti-prohibition workers as to method and campaign.

The prohibitionists have men on the firing line, but they are very much asleep as compared with the activity of the anti-prohibitionists.

The "antis" have thirty automobiles chartered for the day. They have an auto for every precinct, to gather in the lazy or busy voters, and they have half a dozen machines or more for headquarters, rustling about; whereas, if the prohibitionists have any machines or rigs, they are not evident.

The street opinion, that is the opinion of the more or less unprejudiced casual "man in the street," is that prohibition will lose. In short, the anti-prohibitionists are making sure of voting.

HOW THE BALLOTS SIZE UP

At 11 o'clock this morning in the first precinct of the fourth district there had been 35 votes cast out of 116.

In the second of the fourth there had been 64 cast out of 292.

In the third of the fourth, 49 out of 204; fourth: 78 out of 325; fifth: 78 out of 318; sixth, 119 out of 426; seventh: 65 out of 335; eighth 80 out

of 279; ninth: 114 out of 385; tenth: 125 out of 457.

Between the hours of eleven and twelve these additional votes were cast in the fourth district: Precinct 2, 18; 2, 21; 4, 20; 5, 27; 6, 34; 7, 44; 8, 13; 9, 12.

In the fifth district returns at 11 a. m. were as follows from precincts 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 respectively, 59, 72, 29, 87, 65.

25 LOSE LIFE IN CLOUDBURST

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

DEES, Hungary, July 26—Twenty-five persons have lost their lives in a cloudburst.

TROOPS TO QUELL INSURRECTION

HAVANA, July 26—Troops have been sent to quell the insurrection at El Caney.

OPPOSE BRYAN'S COUNTY OPTION

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 26—The majority of the delegates in the Democratic platform convention oppose the county option plank of W. J. Bryan.

KILLED IN FIRE IN KELVIN HOTEL

BELFAST, July 26—Three have been killed and many injured in a fire in the Kelvin hotel.

ADMIRAL HAWKE DEAD

WASHINGTON D. C., July 26—Admiral Hawke is dead.

CONVENTION IN SESSION

LINCOLN, July 26—The Republican State convention is in session here.

LINCOLN, July 26.—County option is incorporated in the Democratic platform.

COLUMBUS, July 26—Congressman Longworth is temporary chairman of the Republican state convention.

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